The Little Tackers took delivery of their new guitars last week. We have four very excited future rock stars. And this quartet has something in common with the greats like Hendricks, Clapton, Young, Richards and Santana. They can all make noise with a guitar; a lot of noise. Rachelle is apparently going to help them turn it into music. A reminder that students are permitted to take their guitars home on weekends for practise, but they must be returned on Mondays.
All spare tickets have now been allocated to parents who made contact over the past fortnight. This exciting excursion is on Wednesday June 3rd. We will be taking the bus from the Torrumbarry Roadhouse to Bendigo, where we will board a train for the big smoke. Students and accompanying adults will be required to bring their own lunch and morning snacks. They may purchase an early tea from the Crown Complex Food Court or bring their own food. I am waiting to hear back from Melbourne Museum, as we are hoping to visit there before the performance.

Proposed itinerary:
6.00 am Leave Torrumbarry Roadhouse
7.35 am Train departs Bendigo arriving Southern Cross 9.30 am. Morning tea.
9.45 am Tram ride to Melbourne Museum. Visit to Dinosaur exhibit and other exhibits of interest. (Confirmation pending).
12 pm Lunch at Carlton Gardens (Weather permitting)
1.00 pm Lion King Performance at Regent Theatre
3.15 pm Travel to Crown Complex Food Court. Early Dinner
4.57 pm Board Train from Southern Cross arriving Bendigo 6.30 pm
7.45 pm Arrive Torrumbarry Roadhouse.

As this will be a huge day for students, parents and teachers, we have decided to run the school bus one hour later than normal on Thursday morning. Should this cause any families inconvenience in terms of work arrangements, please contact Lisa. Cost per student is $60. This includes performance ticket, bus/train travel and museum entry. Students purchasing dinner will need additional money. Cost per adult attending is $65. This includes performance entry, bus travel and museum entry. Parents will need to pay for their own return train ticket when they get to the Bendigo Station. Payment can be made in instalments and all adult tickets must be paid for by May 20, as there is a waiting list for tickets. Student tickets are to be paid for by the excursion date. Please contact Lisa if you feel that payments by the above dates will be difficult and alternative arrangements can be made.

iPadders Take Note!

We have noticed that students have become somewhat complacent lately with regard to the care, maintenance and use of their iPads. Whilst most students now own their iPad and are permitted to take them home, rules still apply around acceptable use, storage and ensuring they are fully charged for use in class. As from today, staff will be enforcing the demerit system for students who do not abide by the rules. Some reminders are: no iPads are to be used on the bus, YouTube clips are not to be downloaded at home and then brought to school to be shared with others, iPads are to be charged by the start of each school day, iPads left at school are to be stored in the office; not in student lockers, left on tables, bag boxes and definitely not on the floor!
Premier’s Reading Challenge

Most students have taken up the challenge of increasing their amount of reading. We have selected books from the prescribed reading lists and they are now on bookshelves for our students to access. Students in Year One will bring one book home at a time, which can be read by them or read with the family. This is in addition to their regular nightly reading. Once that book has been read, they will be required to complete a book report at school before getting their next book. One or two books per week from the Premier’s Reading List is sufficient. We will also be reading books in class, which will add to each student’s totals. Students in Years 3-6 can select books from our collection to use as readers. These are expected to be a mix of novels, information text and short stories. Upon completion of a book, these students will also be required to complete a book report/summary before moving onto the next book. Totals will be kept on record sheets at school. Congratulations to all of those students who have chosen to challenge themselves and make a concentrated effort to further develop their reading and comprehension skills.

Mothers Day Stall

Only a week and a half until the annual Mothers’ Day Stall on Friday 8 May. Each family is asked to donate 2-3 small gifts per child. The Year Six students will be in charge of setting up and operating the stall. All funds raised will go towards subsidising our whole school camp. We suggest an amount of $5 per student to spend on this day.

Cross Country

Students have been training daily for this event, with Oskar setting the pace on our makeshift track. Next Tuesday is the day. All students are to be at the Murrabit Recreation Reserve by 9.45 am. Please ensure you have returned the green permission slip attached to last week’s newsletter and if requiring the supplied lunch, the order form and payment. Adults can purchase from the onsite canteen. Remember to bring plenty to drink, snacks and lunch if required. Students should be in sports uniform.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour

Well done to Sharna Woodgate who was the first student to reach the goal of earning 10 stickers of the same colour. Sharna has earned ten yellow stickers that depict Respect for Self. Hot on her heels were Daria Kalinowski and Matilda Fowler. These girls are joined by some of our other students in the quest to be the first to earn 25 stickers, of any colour combination, to ‘cash in’ for a minor prize from our shelf. We are also getting very close to our whole school total of 250 stickers, which will earn our students a free lunch. Mmmmmmmm, pizza!

Birthday Boy

Happy Birthday to Angus who celebrated his 12th birthday last week. As per Welton custom, Angus was provided with a delicious play dough cake, candles to blow out, a wishing stone to make his dreams come true and a chooky frog.
Keep These Dates Free

Our whole school camp has been booked from Tuesday Dec 15 through to Thursday Dec 17. This is the last week of Term 4. We will be heading to Phillip Island and staying in cabins at the Big 4 Caravan Park, Newhaven. The Year Six students are in charge of organising places for us to visit, calculating costings, timetabling events and setting the menu; so they will be very busy over the next two terms.
Planning is in its infancy and we will provide families with further details as the year progresses. The cost for this camp will be reduced by fundraising events held over the year such as Pie Drive, Bunnings BBQ, Stalls and Morning Tea.

Community Morning Tea

This culinary adventure has been postponed until later in May. This will give our budding Masterchefs time to perfect that special soufflé recipe. A date will be confirmed in next week’s newsletter.

Working Bee

At this week’s School Council meeting, a discussion was held around suitable dates and times for a working bee. We have one main task to be done; the pulling down of existing front fence and setting up the foundations for a new fence. This will require quite a few people at the same time. If families could please fill in the attached form indicating their availability/preference we can organise a working bee time that suits the majority. There are other jobs that need doing, so if families are unable to attend our ‘fence’ working bee, they can elect to carry out other tasks at a time that suits them. We are also looking for some volunteers to put our new trampoline together; the kids are over just looking at the boxes it came in. Those of you who have ever put a trampoline together will know how much fun it is! Please let Lisa know if you are able to help out with this task and she can put you in contact with each other so a suitable time can be organised.

Put On The Bootscootin’ Clobber

Drag out the jeans, checked shirt, denim jackets, blundstones and the ten gallon hat. We’re going to a Bushwhackers Hop! Leitchville Primary School will be hosting a Cluster schools event on Monday 25 May. During the day students from Welton, Leitchville and Gunbower primary schools will be working with the bush band Bushwahzee to learn a number of dances. That evening parents and students from the Cluster schools will participate in a BBQ tea and bush dance.

Pie Drive

It’s that time of the year again. Please find attached an order form for our pie drive. These goods are supplied by the Lockington Bakery and are absolutely delicious. Families are encouraged to collect orders from relatives, work colleagues and friends. All profits will go towards reducing the cost of our end of year camp. **Forms and payment should be returned by May 15.** Delivery date will be confirmed, but is usually within five working days.
ANZAC Commemoration
Thank you to the students and families who participated in the Anzac Day Dawn service at the Torrumbarry Hall last Saturday. All attending students played their part in ensuring that the mood of the service was sombre and reflective, as it should be. Well remembered. Their art work received many favourable comments from those in attendance.

Dates To Remember

Tuesday 5 May .......................................................... Murrabit Cross Country
Friday 9 May .......................................................... Mothers’ Day Stall
Tuesday 12 - Thursday 14 May ........................................ NAPLAN Testing
Wednesday 3 June .................................................... Lion King in Melbourne
Monday 8 June ........................................................ Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday 26 June ......................................................... End Term 2